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by the Congress, but that I propose to continue the established procedures until the Congress changes them. This is of course only a reflection of the Constitutional independence of the Congress and its power, in extremis, to legislate with respect to our authorities or appropriations. A bill currently exists in both Houses which would amend the National Security Act to provide that CIA's activities be reported to the Congress "in such manner as the Congress determines." I have indicated support of this amendment.

The attached paper presents on page 12 certain options for your consideration as to how this matter might be handled in the future. These might be used by you as the basis for the discussions you indicated you intend to have with the Congressional leadership. I would be pleased to discuss this with you further at your convenience.

Respectfully,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

Attachment

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